

HOUSE BILL 497

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CF SB 109

By: **Delegate Buckel**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Excise Tax – Exemption – Active Duty Military**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a vehicle owned by a member of the military on active duty
4 or who returns to the State from active duty from the vehicle excise tax under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to an exemption from the vehicle excise tax for
6 active duty military members.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 13–809(c)(3)(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 13–810(f)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 13–809.

21 (c) (3) (i) [1. In this subparagraph, “military” includes the
22 Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
23 Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2.] If the vehicle was formerly titled and registered in another
2 state and the present owner has paid a sales or excise tax to that state at a rate less than
3 that imposed by this State, then the tax imposed shall apply but at a rate measured by the
4 difference only between the tax rate paid to the other state and the tax rate imposed by this
5 section, if the present owner[:

6 A. Has] HAS not been a Maryland resident for more than 60
7 days[;

8 B. Is a member of the military on active duty and has not
9 been a Maryland resident for more than 1 year; or

10 C. Is a Maryland resident who is a member of the military
11 returning to Maryland from, or on, active duty and who applies for titling and registration
12 in Maryland no more than 1 year after returning].

13 13–810.

14 **(F) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “MILITARY” INCLUDES THE COMMISSIONED**
15 **CORPS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND**
16 **ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, AND THE COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.**

17 **(2) A VEHICLE IS EXEMPT FROM THE EXCISE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS**
18 **PART ON ISSUANCE OF AN ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IF THE VEHICLE:**

19 **(I) IS OWNED BY A MEMBER OF THE MILITARY ON ACTIVE DUTY**
20 **OR WHO RETURNS TO THE STATE FROM ACTIVE DUTY; AND**

21 **(II) WAS FORMERLY TITLED AND REGISTERED IN ANOTHER**
22 **STATE BY THE PRESENT OWNER OF THE VEHICLE.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2022.